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Exhausted On Trap Line Dies On Reaching Camp.

E. A. Gregg, formerly of Wrangell, dies in Iskut country camp on Xmas day. Probably Heart failure.

E. A. Gregg, formerly of Wrangell, who was trapping in the Iskut River country in British Columbia in company with F. E. and R. Shangle, died at 10:45 P. M. on Dec. 25th, is the sad news reported by Rollo Shangle who reached Wrangell Monday afternoon. F. E. Shangle and son Rollo, who have trapped several years on the Iskut, took E. A. Gregg with them to their Iskut camp last October. On Christmas day, in about three feet of fresh snow, Gregg and Rollo Shangle were out on the trap line together. Late in the afternoon, Gregg complained that he was tired and to within about three quarters of a mile of the camp, Shangle took the lead breaking the trail, followed by Gregg. At this point, Gregg became exhausted and Shangle, alternately breaking trail and packing his

companion, got him within about one-fourth of a mile of camp and was obliged to leave Gregg on the trail making his way to camp summoning the assistance of Shangle Sr. who succeeded in getting Gregg to camp where he was given stimulants and put into bed but died at 10:45 the same evening.

Two days later on the 27th, both Shangle and son started on their long journey to Wrangell to notify the parents of Gregg of his decease. The International Boundry was reached on the 29th where they were obliged to stay waiting a safe condition of the ice. On the 17th of January, R. Shangle and Wm. Strong, Canadian Customs officer stationed at the Boundry for the winter, started for Wrangell leaving the elder Shangle at the Boundry camp. The trip from the Boundry over the uncer-

Petersburg "Progressive".

Vol. 1, No. 1, of the "Progressive," the new newspaper which commenced publication last Saturday at Petersburg, was received at the Sentinel office this morning. J. E. Rivard and J. Frederick Johnson are the proprietors of the Progressive. The first issue, 5 column folio, is a booster edition calling attention to the many attractive features of its town.

Power Troller.

Lyons and Blackington, owners of the mild-curing boat, Standard, are having a small power boat built at Inman's shop, and will use it for trolling for salmon. A 4 h. p. Palmer motor is being installed which will drive the boat at a trolling speed with plenty of reserve. They intend to handle about three lines from her and her work will be closely watched by local fisherman.

Systematic Looting Of Point Ward Cannery.

Bob Roberts and Jack Hopkins, of the launch Edgar, caught "with the goods." Made three trips to the cannery.

As interesting a case of robbery as has been pulled off in South-eastern Alaska for many moons, was brought to light this week by the local authorities after complaint of Peter Funic, assistant watchman at the Point Ward cannery, that the warehouses of the cannery had been broken into and considerable valuable gear spirited away. The complications of the case are many on account of the belief that the assistant watchman is implicated in the crooked transaction.

Boat Was Loaded.

Last Friday the watchman of Point Ward cannery came to Wrangell and entered complaint against Jack Hopkins and Bob Roberts owners of the launch Edgar. The pair were immediately placed under arrest and a hearing date set for Monday morning. In the meantime Marshall Schnabel

was busy searching evidence which was found in plenty on the launch lying at the public float, loaded with nets, ropes, cork and lead lines, and a tarpaulin which were indistinctly by W. D. Grant as property of the Point Ward Packing Co. Then Schnabel went out on the Duckland to find witnesses believed to hold knowledge of the thefts.

Cache Discovered.

The witnesses, Jack Brown and C. W. Anderson were found camped on Deer Island and were brought to Wrangell. In the meanwhile, C. H. Bryant heard of the case in court against Roberts and Hopkins and he remembered that they had requested of him some weeks ago the use of his boathouse for storing some of the "truck off their boat." Mr. Bryant had not visit.

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tain ice and snow of the Stikine was made on snowshoes to the Garnet ledge where a rowboat was secured Sunday and the trip resumed Monday arriving here in the afternoon.

E. A. Gregg was about 25 years of age and as he had never complained of illness, his death is thought to be the result of a weak heart. His father, Ira M. Gregg, mother and a sister are living at South Brownsville, Pa.

30 Below 0.

Wm. Strong, Canadian Customs officer from the International Boundry on the Stikine reports the low temperature of 30 degrees below zero and his frost bitten cheeks as affidavits of his tale. Mr. Strong replaces C. A. Tervo this winter and has been in charge since Oct.

No Southern Camps Of Arctic Brotherhood.

A public cable from Grand Arctic Chief, Landahl, to Recorder, Keller, of Skagway, on January 17th, instructed the Recorder not to issue a charter for a camp outside the original jurisdiction. This move of the Grand Chief is the result of the recent resentment of the action of delegates to the Grand Camp last November. In the cable, Landahl stated he believed that the delegates did not vote the sentiment of the camps they represented.



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News of Local Interest

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Fr. Wm. Shepard, of Ketchikan will arrive on the Curacao,

Steve Grant returned from the North on the Jefferson.

It has been suggested by a citizen - also the young mountains of snow that there should be a city ordinance compelling the cleaning off of sidewalks,

The weather man has let loose of Jack Frost—but he also has handed us some feet of the beautiful.

Abe Woodege sprained his ankle this morning and is obliged to navigate the uncertain paths with crutches.

Frank Waterbury was a passenger in on the Jefferson this morning. Mr. Waterbury has been spending the winter in the East with relatives.

The Athletic Club has received considerable paraphernalia consisting of gloves, punching bags, rings, clubs, jerseys, tights, etc and are preparing to have a general good time. New baskets of the regulation Spalding make have been set up and members will practice the game this coming week preparatory for a game on Friday the thirty-first.

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New Craig Boat.

Frank Lloyd, of Craig, came in to Wrangell Wednesday evening with a new fishboat which he has constructed this winter. The boat will be completed here and inspected. She is to be named the "Stranger."

Big Dance At Rink.

There will be a dance at the Rink on the 24th, given specially for the married people. And those that intend to get married, also old bachelors and old maids. The young bachelors and young maids are invited to look on. Only those that have not got the price are not invited.

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St. Philip's Church.

"When is Boasting Legitimate?" will be the theme of the discourse at St. Philip's Church Sunday evening Jan. 26.

Jap Murderer

To Be Hanged.

Ito, the Japanese cannery foreman, on trial at Juneau for the murder of Frank Dunn at Dundas Bay last summer, was found guilty of murder by the jury January 14th. The Daily Alaska Dispatch of the 14th expresses the opinion that the execution of the sentence, which in the Territory is hanging, will take place in Juneau.

As we go to press the Klowock mission boat, Lois, came into port. C. A. Fox and family, E. J. McKenna, Manuel Swanson and Roy Bart were the passengers. Rev. Waggoner reports passing the Uncle Dan at Point Baker.



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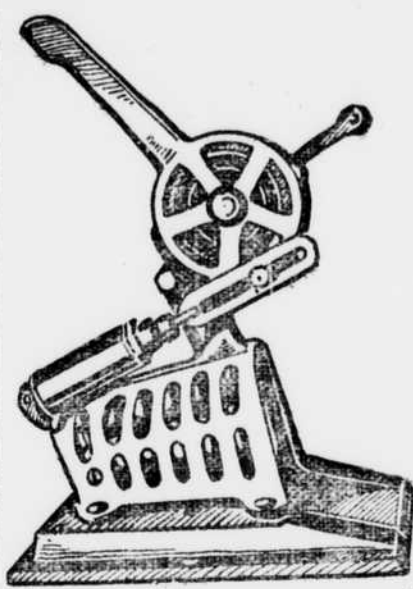
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CALIFORNIA'S LOST RIVER.

Waters of the Kern All Utilized For Irrigation Purposes.

The deep Kern river canyon, in the high Sierra country of California, is interestingly described in a report just issued by the United States geological survey. Altitudes in the Kern river basin range from a few hundred feet at the mouth of the river's lower canyon to more than 14,000 feet on the headwaters over a hundred miles distant. More than fifty of the peaks in the basin exceed 12,000 feet in altitude, and many of the lakes which feed the upper stream are at an altitude of 11,000 feet or more.

Mount Whitney, the highest mountain in the United States, towering 14,501 feet above sea level, overlooks the northern part of the Kern river basin from the east.

Kern river rises in glacial lakelets among the high peaks of the Sierra divide and on the Kings-Kern and great western divides. It flows directly southward about seventy miles, then southwestward to the mouth of its canyon a few miles northeast of Bakersfield, where it enters the south end of San Joaquin valley. No water from Kern river has reached the San Joaquin in recent years. The water is all utilized for irrigation before it reaches the larger valley, and the Kern becomes a "lost river."

The principal tributary of Kern river is its south fork. The basin is divided into two lesser basins, differing greatly in topography. The eastern basin is characterized by comparatively low, flat and irregular hills, separated by many intervening meadows, large and small. It is drained by the south fork. The western basin is characterized by high glaciated peaks and ridges and by deep canyons. It is drained by the main stream, which flows for a great part of its length through a narrow canyon. Kern river canyon proper is about twenty miles long, one mile wide at the top and 1,500 to 2,000 feet deep. The bottom of the canyon is several hundred feet wide, and the average gradient is 100 feet to the mile.

Keep Carburetor In Condition.

A large percentage of the troubles which by the novice are charged to the sparking system are in fact attributable to inefficient carburetor action. The carburetor should be kept clean and free from accumulations of sediment. The tiny hole in the top of the carburetor bowl should be kept open and free from obstruction. This hole is put there for the purpose of equalizing the pressure in the bowl with the pressure of the atmosphere and thereby preventing the possibility of a vacuum being formed in the bowl. The closing of this hole seriously impairs carburetor efficiency.

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Dr. James T. Galathmey, whose new anaesthetic compound has been adopted by the United States navy, is anesthetist of St. Bartholomew hospital in New York.

Professor Zephaniah Hopper, dean of the faculty of the Boys' Central high school, Philadelphia, is still teaching, though at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. He celebrated his birthday recently.

A. T. Patrick, serving a life sentence at Sing Sing for the murder of an aged millionaire, has taken up the study of optometry and was permitted the other day to make notes of the examinations by the prison doctors of the eyes of the inmates.

Dr. Alexis Carrel, winner of the Nobel prize for medicine this year, has been associate member of the Rockefeller Institute For Medical Research since 1909, when he came to this country from France. He is a native of France, having been born in 1873.

Dr. Charles L. Metz, who has made some of the richest finds ever brought to light as to the early life in North America of the mound builders, has been engaged in that work for a quarter of a century. He is head of Harvard university research committee.

The big, new personality of the war is M. Venizelos, the Greek prime minister. The man who in three years has not only reformed the Greek civil and military administration, but put through the political deal with the Balkan states, till then hostile, is something of a statesman.

BLASTING DOWN COAL.

Experts Condemn Practice of "Shooting Off the Solid."

Much has been said and written in condemnation of the practice, too prevalent in some of the coal mining states, of "shooting off the solid"—that is, of blasting down the coal without having previously undercut or sheared it, or "making the powder do the work."

According to Edward W. Parker, the coal statistician of the United States geological survey, all authorities agree that the practice is reprehensible in the highest degree. The heavy charges of powder produce an unnecessary quantity of fine coal and render the lump coal so friable that it disintegrates in handling and transportation. The quantity and quality of the merchantable product are thereby materially reduced. These reasons in themselves are sufficient to call forth the condemnation of the practice and the demand for its abolition, but a far stronger reason is the increased liability to accident in a vocation that is hazardous enough when all precautions possible are taken to promote safety. The use of inordinate charges of powder weakens the roof and supporting pillars, and failure to undercut or shear the coal increases the danger of windy shots, the cause of frequent dust explosions.

Falls of coal and roof in 1911 caused almost one-half of the 2,700 or so deaths in the coal mines of the United States, and explosions caused 14 per cent. The deaths from the more prolific cause, however, usually happen singly and are not reported outside the localities where the accidents occur, whereas the less frequent explosions involving the deaths of tens or hundreds of men are given prominence in the daily and technical press.

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Collector Re-appointed.

Collector of Customs, J. R. Willis, of Juneau, Alaska, has been re-appointed Collector for the district.

Systematic Looting

(Continued from first page.)

ed his boathouse since the conversation with Hopkins and Roberts but his suspicions were aroused and he notified the Marshal's office of his talk with the culprits. A search of the boathouse uncovered another cache of loot consisting of a gill net and its necessary adjuncts of floats, lead-lines etc. which were also indentified by W. D. Grant, as Point Ward property. When asked as to the value of the goods, Mr. Grant stated that without an inventory of the goods he could not be positive but he believed it would amount \$400, in the boathouse and on the boat, nothing less than that amount.

After the evidence had been submitted, Commissioner, Thomas asked the defendants if they wished to make any statements and they stated that they did. In the afternoon, the full statement of the defendants were taken. They consisted of a full narrative of their

operations from last fall to their apprehension.

Watchman Implicated.

From the assertion of Hopkins and Roberts and the conditions under which the thefts were made, the implication of Peter Funic, assistant watchman at the cannery was natural. He was brought before Commissioner Thomas, Monday afternoon and held on \$1200.00 bail the same as Hopkins and Roberts. None of the defendants so

far have raised the required sum and will be confined until their case is disposed of by the grand jury.

Hopkins and Roberts made three trips to the cannery, the first previous to Christmas and the second and third on the 8 and 13 respectively. The first cargo of plunder was the lot stowed in Bryant's boathouse. The lastload was still on the boat when the authorities made the unexpected raid.

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